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AMENDMENT "A"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action of December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. A flooring plank, comprising:

a first layer comprising a first plurality of bamboo strips secured together in side-by-side relation, wherein each strip has a grain extending generally parallel to a longitudinal dimension of the plank; and

a second layer secured to one face of the first layer, wherein the second layer includes a second plurality of spaced strips each having a grain extending generally transverse to the longitudinal dimension of the plank.